# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA PATRICIA KUBIAK,

PATRICIA KUBIAK,	)
Plaintiff	)
V.	) Case No.:
VERDE ENERGY USA, INC.,	) ) COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR ) JURY TRIAL
Defendant	) JUNI INIAL )

#### **COMPLAINT**

PATRICIA KUBIAK ("Plaintiff"), by and through her attorneys, KIMMEL & SILVERMAN, P.C., alleges the following against VERDE ENERGY USA, INC. ("Defendant"):

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. Plaintiff's Complaint is based on the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"), 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. Jurisdiction of this Court arises pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331. <u>See</u>

  <u>Mims v. Arrow Fin. Services, LLC</u>, 132 S. Ct. 740, 747, 181 L. Ed. 2d 881 (2012).
- 3. Defendant conducts business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and as such, personal jurisdiction is established.

4. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2).

#### **PARTIES**

- 5. Plaintiff is a natural person residing Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15236.
- 6. Plaintiff is a "person" as that term is defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153(39).
- 7. Defendant is a corporation that has its office located in Norwalk, Connecticut 06851.
- 8. Defendant is a "person" as that term is defined by 47 U.S.C. §153(39).
- 9. Defendant acted through its agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers.

#### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 10. Plaintiff has a cellular telephone number that she has had for more than one year.
  - 11. Plaintiff has only used this number as a cellular telephone number.
- 12. The phone number has been assigned to a cellular telephone service for which Plaintiff incurs a charge for incoming calls.
- 13. Plaintiff never provided permission to Defendant to call her cellular telephone number or to contact her regarding any goods or services offered by Defendant.

- 14. Beginning in July 2014, and continuing through December 2014, Defendant called Plaintiff on her cellular telephone.
- 15. When contacting Plaintiff on her cellular telephone, Defendant used an automatic telephone dialing system and automatic and/or pre-recorded messages.
- 16. Defendant's messages would state its name and that its call was "for marketing purposes."
  - 17. Defendant's telephone calls were not made for "emergency purposes."
- 18. For example, Defendant called Plaintiff on: July 31, 2014 (three times); August 1, 2014; August 5, 2014 (two times); August 13, 2014; September 1, 2014(five times); September 2, 2014 (two times); September 5, 2014; September 8, 2014; September 30, 2014; October 1, 2014; October 7, 2014; October 29, 2014; November 20, 2014; and November 21, 2014 (two times).

## DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

- 19. Plaintiff incorporates the forgoing paragraphs as though the same were set forth at length herein.
- 20. Defendant initiated multiple automated telephone calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone using a prerecorded voice.
- 21. Defendant initiated these automated calls to Plaintiff using an automatic telephone dialing system.

- 22. Defendant's calls to Plaintiff were not made for emergency purposes.
- 23. Defendant's calls to Plaintiff, in and after July 2014, were not made with Plaintiff's prior express consent.
- 24. Defendant's acts as described above were done with malicious, intentional, willful, reckless, wanton and negligent disregard for Plaintiff's rights under the law and with the purpose of harassing Plaintiff.
- 25. The acts and/or omissions of Defendant were done unfairly, unlawfully, intentionally, deceptively and fraudulently and absent bona fide error, lawful right, legal defense, legal justification or legal excuse.
- 26. As a result of the above violations of the TCPA, Plaintiff has suffered the losses and damages as set forth above entitling Plaintiff to an award of statutory, actual and trebles damages.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, PATRICIA KUBIAK, respectfully prays for a judgment as follows:

- a. All actual damages suffered pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(A);
- b. Statutory damages of \$500.00 per violative telephone call pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B);

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1	c. Treble damages of \$1,500.00 per violative telephone cal
2	pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(3);
3	d. Injunctive relief pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3);
4	e. Any other relief deemed appropriate by this Honorable Court.
5	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
7	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff, PATRICIA KUBIAK, demands a
8	jury trial in this case.
9	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
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11   12	DATED: June 2, 2015 KIMMEL & SILVERMAN, P.C.
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